

A RULE IS...

An Administrative Rule is an agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy; or describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency.

Generally, legislation is passed establishing broad guidelines and general standards for the operation of a program. It is then up to the impacted state agency to create rules for the specific processes and procedures needed to effectively implement statute.

State agencies are required to make rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, prescribed under A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6.

The authority for the Department's rules comes from Arizona Revised Statutes Title 17.

The Commission has general authority to make rules as provided under A.R.S. § 17-231.